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SUBJECT: SPEECH OF MINISTER COMMERCE GHISSASSI AT 4TH UNCTAD

NAIROBI FOR UNCTAD USDEL

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1. SUMMARY: MOROCCAN MEDIA HAVE WIDELY PUBLICIZED SPEECH OF MINISTER COMMERCE ABDELLATIF GHISSASSI AT UNCTAD IV AND HIS ELECTION AS UNCTAD VICE PRESIDENT. MINCOMM REPORTED TO HAVE GENERALLY SUPPORTED PROPOSALS OF GROUP OF 77 FOR BUFFER STOCKS, COMMON FUND, CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, AND INTEGRATED COMMODITY PROGRAM. MINISTER URGED ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG LDC'S AND NOTED INADEQUACY OF IMF, IBRD RESOURCES TO COVER WORSENING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS OF LDC'S. MINCOMM ALSO INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER NEW PROPOSALS MADE AT CONFERENCE BY DC'S (OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO KISSINGER SPEECH AND OTHER DC PROPOSALS). END SUMMARY.

2. MOROCCAN MINISTER OF COMMERCE ABDELLATIF GHISSASSI, ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF UNCTAD AND SPOKESMAN FOR AFRICAN COMMITTEE
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ON FINISHED AND SEMI-FINISHED PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER,

SEES GOM IN ROLE OF INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN GROUP OF 77 AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND DEFENDER OF PROGRAM OUTLINED IN MANILA DECLARATION. IN HIS ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE, MINCOMM GHISSASSI, EMPLOYING CUSTOMARY TONE OF MODERATION, URGED SUPPORT FOR G-77 OBJECTIVES WHILE MAINTAINING OPEN ATTITUDE TOWARD NEW PROPOSALS. EXPRESSED HOPE THAT UNCTAD WOULD SERVE AS NEGOTIATING TOOL NOT JUST SOUNDING BOARD, IN ORDER THAT LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO LDC PROBLEMS COULD BE ESTABLISHED AT CURRENT SESSION. OTHER ELEMENTS OF TALK HIGHLIGHTED IN HOME PRESS COVERAGE INCLUDED:

3. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. GHISSASSI RECALLED LIMA GOAL THAT LDC'S EVENTUALLY SHARE 25 PERCENT OF WORLD INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION. EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS OBJECTIVE MIGHT BE REALIZED THROUGH TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND DEVELOPED COUNTRY ASSISTANCE IN LDC INUSTRIALIZATION.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT. MINCOMM ASSERTED MOROCCO FAVORS UNIVERSAL LEGALLY BINDING CODE OF CONDUCT WHICH WOULD BENEFIT ALL LDC'S.

5. REGIONAL COOPERATION. GHISSASSI URGED LDC'S TO STRENGTHEN REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL COOPERATION AND PROMOTE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT AMONG SELVES. CALLED FOR REJECTION OF LIMITING BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS AS HOLD OVER FROM COLONIAL DAYS.

6. INTEGRATED COMMODITY PROGRAM. MOROCCO SUPPORTS INTEGRATED COMMODITY PROGRAM BACKED BY REALISTIC PRICE SUPPORT SYSTEM TO PROTECT AGAINST MONETARY FLUCTUATIONS AND INFLATION. PROGRAM SHOULD STABILIZE REAL EARNED INCOME OF LDC'S.

7. BUFFER STOCKS-COMMON FUND. MOROCCO SUPPORTS G-77 BUFFER STOCKS PROPOSALS TO BE FINANCED BY COMMON FUND WHICH WOULD RESTORE FREE MARKET SYSTEM FOR RAW MATERIALS, BUT GHISSASSI DID NOT RPT NOT CLOSE DOOR ON U.S. RAW MATERIALS FUND PROPOSAL.

8. MONETARY POLICY. MINISTER NOTED THAT LDC'S SUFFERING DETERIORATION IN BALANCES OF PAYMENT FINANCING WHICH RELIES TOO HEAVILY ON MORTGAGING MEAGER LDC MONETARY RESERVES. NOTED LDC'S HEAVY INDEBTEDNESS TO INTERNATIONAL MONETARY ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL MARKET. WHILE RECOGNIZING IMPORTANCE OF IMF AND IBRD, MINCOMM ASSERTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VOLUME OF GLOBAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR AIDING LDC'S IS SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW LEVEL OF NEED. HE APPLAUDED EFFORTS OF COMMITTEE OF TWENTY TOWARD PROTECTING LDC'S FROM MONETARY FLUCTUATIONS OF DC'S.

9. COMMENT: AS WE READ MINISTER'S STATEMENT AND INTERPRET EMPHASIS GIVEN BY LOCAL PRESS, MOROCCO HAS FOLLOWED ABOUT THE LINE PREDICTED RABAT 1153, I.E., NOT ALIENATING SELF

FROM G-77 PROGRAMS, BUT ADOPTING MODERATE LINE TOWARDS DC'S
IN DOING SO. MOROCCO'S OWN INTERESTS AS RAW MATERIALS
PRODUCER PREDISPOSE IT TOWARDS G-77 BUFFER STOCK PROPOSALS.
BUT WE HAVE HEARD ENOUGH REACTIONS TO KISSINGER SPEECH
(WHICH DELIVERED TO MINFIN, VICE GOVERNOR CENTRAL BANK,
SECSTATE FOR COMMERCE, AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS AS PER
INSTRUCTIONS) TO KNOW THAT U.S. STATEMENT CONTAINED ELEMENTS
PLEASING TO GOM. FOR EXAMPLE, WE ALREADY WORKING WITH MINCOOP
AND MINCOMM ON SATELLITE EXPLORATION PROPOSAL WHICH HAS
ELICITED MINISTERIAL LEVEL INTEREST HERE. WE ALSO BELIEVE
GOM CAN BE BROUGHT TO SUPPORT RAW MATERIALS FUND,
INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE INVESTMENT CONCEPT, AND TECHNICAL
TRAINING PROPOSAL.
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